

Results indicated a potential current demand of over \$37.4 million for AgWRAP cost share for practice implementation. Technical assistance and operating costs are estimated to be approximately \$4.3 million annually for local SWCDs and the Division of Soil and Water Conservation. This estimate does not include additional costs for technical assistance to be provided by the private sector or other governmental agencies.

The existing drought response initiative, results of the Agricultural Water Workgroup's strategic plan, and the recent survey of SWCDs all provide indicators of potential resource needs and associated costs. Assuming a five-year planning and implementation period, an estimated cost of \$10 million per year would be needed to effectively implement AgWRAP and meet the program objectives.

IX. PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME

2010-11

- Finalize Plan for AgWRAP.
- Propose and promote legislation to establish the program.
- Develop grant-funding proposals and submit to potential funding organizations.
- Convene AgWRAP Advisory Committee to develop proposed program policies and guidelines.

2011-12

- AgWRAP Advisory Committee continues program development activities.
- Develop outreach strategy and program training for SWCD staff/supervisors, other governmental agency staff and private sector technical specialists.
- Assist local districts to develop selection and contracting procedures.
- Allocate funds and begin producer contract development to implement approved best management practices.

2012-13 and beyond

- AgWRAP Advisory Committee meets quarterly to evaluate implementation and recommend changes.
- Continue to seek funding.
- Continue implementation.